Mega Scheme to Encourage Exports

632. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a mega scheme incorporating all incentives for exporters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) In the current Export-Import Policy different export schemes exist pertaining to export products. Suggestions have been received from certain sectors of trade and industry for reframing some of these export schemes currently in operation and retain only one or two simplified schemes. These suggestions, alongwith others, are being given due consideration.

Export Curbs Imposed by USA

633. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has moved the World Trade Organisation against the export curbs imposed by the United States on Indian Companies after the country's nuclear tests; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) India has not moved the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism against the export curbs imposed by the United States after India's nuclear tests. However, India has made a statement in the General Council saying inter-alia that the imposition of such export restrictions is unjustified.

Permanent Pavilion at Pragati Maidan to Arunachal Pradesh

634. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arunachal Pradesh has been allotted a permanent pavilion at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi for participation in Trade and exhibitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per policy of ITPO prevalent for a long time, no State Govt. has been allotted space for permanent pavilion except those already in existence, Creation of more State pavilions is not a financially viable proposition for ITPO as the space of the State pavilion remains idle most of the time except during specific annual events like India International Trade Fair (IITF).

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार में घाटा

635. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार की स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) क्या भारत को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार में भारी घाटा हो रहा है;

(ग) इस घाटे को दूर करने के लिए किन उपायों पर विचार किया गया है; और

(घ) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान क्या घाटे में बढ़ोतरी हुई है अथवा गिरावट आई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) और (ख) डीजीसीआई एंड एस के अनन्तिम आकड़ों के अनुसार, अप्रैल—दिसम्बर, 1998 के दौरान 24286.87 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर के निर्यात होने का अनुमान था जो कि पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि में हुए